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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street; GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill; GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate
Circus; E. C. BATES, HERDY & Co.,
4, Old Jewry; E. C. SAMUEL DRACON &
Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS
generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

CHINA.—Swatow, QUINN & CAMPBELL,
Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co.,
FOOCHOW, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai;
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY &
WALSH, Manila; C. REINHOLD & Co.,
Macao; L. A. DA GRADA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPFUS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASOON, Esq.

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W. H. FORBES, Esq.

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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, July 29, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.

RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONG-

KONG grants Drafts on London and the
chief Commercial places in Europe and the
East; buys and receives for collection
Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds
of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest
allowed on Current Accounts and on De-
posits for fixed periods on terms which may
be ascertained on application.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND, at the Rate of 2 %
or \$2.25 per SHARE, Declared at the
Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held This Day, will be Payable at
the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY, the
27th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. da COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 28, 1877.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office

are requested to furnish the Under-
signed with a List of their Contribution
for the Year ending 31st December, 1876

in order that the distribution of the Net
Profit reserved for Contributors may be
arranged. Returns not rendered prior to
the 31st August next, will be adjusted by
the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will
be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & Co.

General Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL. RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-
wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-
ages. Suits at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of
these imitations. Buyers should be careful
to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRIL-
LIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the
words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS"
are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO.,

80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Street,

[y1] NEW YORK, U. S. A.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MED-
ICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG.

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1877.

AH YON, SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FREIGHT
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S

STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS of the above Company at

HONGKONG and FOOCHOW, are
prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies
by any First-Class Steamers, at current
rates, Payable either here, in LONDON, in
LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of

INDIA and the EAST.

BIRLEY & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

NOTICE.

MRS. G. B. FALCONER, Widow and

Administratrix of the late G. B. FALCONER

and only Partner of the Firm of G. B. FALCONER & Co., Watch
Manufacturers, Jewellers, &c., &c., Hong-
kong, and Mr. MATTHEW FALCONER,
Brother of the Deceased, beg respectfully
to intimate that they have agreed to CON-
TINUE the BUSINESS so long carried on
by the late Mr. FALCONER.

In making this announcement, they have
pleasure in stating that they have made
such arrangements that the efficiency and
high reputation formerly enjoyed by the
Firm, will be maintained in its entirety in
all its branches.

The Stock, as hitherto, will consist of
EVERY ARTICLE of the Best Quality and
WORKMANSHIP, and they hope to be favour-
ed with a continuance of that patronage
which was so liberally extended to the late

Mr. FALCONER, and, in soliciting such,
no efforts will be wanting to inspire that con-
fidence on the part of their Customers
which was so marked a feature in the
Business as formerly conducted.

The Business will be carried on in the old
Premises under the same Name and Style
as hitherto viz.,

GEORGE FALCONER & Co.

Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

PIANO TUNING, REPAIRING, &c.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN Desirous of
having their PIANOS REPAIRED
by the Undersigned, will please oblige with
early orders, as he is about to return to
SHANGHAI.

Orders may be left with Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs. GAUFF & Co.

A. HAHN.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877.

NOW READY.

K. WONG-HING CHEUNG & Co.,

COAL MERCHANTS,

Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. ANTON has been appointed Manager,

and all Orders addressed to him at 57,

Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, Bing

Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-
tion.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

ON and after the 28th of May, Dr.
STOUTS Consulting and Operating
ROOMS will be on the Ground Floor of
the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,
Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS has Returned to Hong-
kong, and will be ready to Receive
Patients on MONDAY, June 25th.
Office, No. 7, Arbuthnot Road,
Hongkong, June 20, 1877.

Notices of Ships.

NOTICE.

M. F. O. DITTMER is authorized to
Sign our Firm per Procurator:
SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHERPARD
and Mr. M. W. GRIECE, are autho-
rized to Sign the name of our Firm per
Procurator at FOOCHOW, and Mr. F. S.
ELWELL at AMOY.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, June 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURKE will Conduct the
BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my
Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

NOTICE.

D. V. MITRA, Consent the Firm of
FREERKS, RODATZ & Co. has been
DISSOLVED on This Day.

R. FREERKS,
G. C. F. RODATZ.

Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

THE Undersigned, Establishing them-
selves This Day as SHIPCHANDLERS
and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS
under the Style and Firm of RODATZ & Co.,
have taken over the Business of the late
FIRM of FREERKS, RODATZ & Co.

G. C. F. RODATZ,
C. KOCH.

Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been Appointed
AGENT at this Port for THE POS-
ITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSU-
RANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, June 6, 1877.

FOR SALE.

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Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

MATCHLESS, American ship, Capt. John C. Dawes.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

LEADING WIND, American ship, Captain F. M. Hinckley.—Meyer & Co.

JALO, Russian ship, Capt. O. F. Moberg.—Order.

END, British bark, Captain Braithwaite.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wieler & Co.

ANTWERP, British barque, Capt. Atkins.—Melchers & Co.

MICRON, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. L. H. Soule.—Order.

NORTHERN STAR, British barque, Captain John Worley.—Order.

DOMS BRODESEN, Danish ship, Captain S. Nielsen.—Order.

TWILIGHT, British barque, Capt. Dolarge.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PENSHAW, British barque, Captain John S. Alsey.—Meyer & Co.

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark.—Captain.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. F. Foule.—Order.

10-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Comdt. ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. du POUHEY, Agent.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "IRACUADDY," Comdt. BAULE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. du POUHEY, Agent.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMEHALDA" will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 4th Proximo, at Noon.

Parcels received at the Office up to 11 a.m. for freight or message, apply to

A. MAGG. HEATON,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 German Ship "JOHANNE" BUNKE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Barkentine "WILLIAM COBE," having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load here and/or at Whampoa for the above Port and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & CO.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

THE PRICE LIST

JUST ISSUED by the Undersigned will take effect
from 1st August.

Any one to whom a Copy has not been sent may obtain it on Application.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 3d August, 1877, at Noon.—

Cotton Socks and Stockings, Silk Umbrellas, Pocket Books, Pensils, Kerchiefs, Lamps, Cigar Cases and Tubes, Tooth Combs, Tooth Brushes.

Also,

An Invoice of Modic Coral Ear-rings, Brooches, Studs, &c., Champagn Cyder, 10 dozen Silver Skins.

3 cases Lime Juice,

10 cases Vulcan Safety Matches
etc., etc., etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery of Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1/7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 21st August, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolution passed at the Meeting of Shareholders held This Day.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 21st August, at 3.15 p.m., in order to take into consideration a Special Resolution to alter the 5th Article of the Company's Memorandum of Association in such manner as to provide for a subdivision of the Company's existing Shares and a division of its Capital into Shares of One-third the amount fixed by the said Memorandum of Association; and to take into consideration further Special Resolutions to alter Articles 31 and 75 of the Company's Articles of Association in the manner required by the said alteration of the Memorandum of Association.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 30, Galatea, Dutch ship, 1296, E. Jaeger, Cardiff April 12, Coal.—**ORDER.**

July 30, Stentor, British steamer, 1804, Mr. R. White, Liverpool June 12, via ports of call, and Singapore July 24, General.—**BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.**

July 30, Wall's Castle, British barque, 625, Brown, Singapore July 16, Timber for this port and Tientsin.—**CHINAS.**

July 30, 11 p.m., Fuyuen, Chinese str., 920, A. Grand, Shanghai July 23, General.—**C. M. S. N. C.**

July 31, Modd Marion, British brig, 299, Forest, Cardiff and Cape Town June 5, Coal.—**ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.**

July 31, Genette, French barque, 633, J. J. Leprêtre, Saigon July 24, Rice.—**LANDSTEIN & CO.**

July 31, Loweswater, British barque, 603, Robert, Newcastle (N.S.W.), June 15, Coal.—**BORNEO CO., LIMITED.**

July 31, Emily Chaplin, British barque, 733, Harris, Newcastle (N.S.W.), June 16, Coal.—**MELCKERS & CO.**

DEPARTURES.

July 30, Cheang Hock Kian, for Swatow.

30, Siamese Crown, for Bangkok.

30, Taiwan, for Amoy, Taiwan, &c.

31, Nuevo Constante, for Manila.

31, Jan Peter, for Haiphong.

31, H.M.S. Hart, for Amoy.

31, Fuyuen, for Canton.

31, Empress, for Swatow.

31, Norma, for Swatow.

31, Stanfield, for London.

31, Bianca Perle, for Ternate.

31, Dale, for Bangkok.

31, U. S. Alert, for Nagasaki.

CLEARED.

Foochow (Slam, bg.), for Shanghai.

Cactus Oliver, for Cebu.

Highlander, for New York.

Edita Rose, for Bangkok.

Stentor, for Shanghai.

Gryfe, for San Francisco.

Louise, for Haiphong.

End, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Stentor, from Liverpool, Mr and Mrs Wilson; from Penang, 21 Chinese.

Per Fuyuen, from Shanghai, Capt. Burr, and 85 Chinese.

Per Loweswater, from Newcastle, Mrs and Masters Roberts.

Per Wall's Castle; for Singapore, 15 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Emerald, for Amoy, 250 Chinese.

Per Date, for Bangkok, 1 European, and 19 Chinese.

Per Cheang Hock Kian, for Swatow, 647 Chinese.

Per Taiwan, for Amoy, 40 Chinese.

Siamese Crown, for Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

Per Norma, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Edith Rose, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per Stentor, for Shanghai, 50 Chinese.

Per Gryfe, for San Francisco, 2 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Stentor reports Fine weather throughout the passage.

The British barque Wall's Castle reports: Fine weather and moderate Southerly winds until Friday night last, and when had very heavy squalls and heavy rains till arrival.

The Chinese steamer Fuyuen reports: Moderate S.W. monsoon and heavy rain at times.

The British barque Emily Chaplin reports: Experienced fine pleasant weather throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close—

For PORT DARWYN & COOKTOWN.—

Per CHAKLTON, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 1st August, instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA, HIODO, AND NAGO-

SAKI.—

Per ATHOLL, at 11.30 a.m., on Wed-

nesday, the 1st August.

For STREATHAM'S SENTIMENTALS.—

Per SPARTAN, at 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 1st August.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per DOUGLAS, at 11.30 a.m., on Thurs-

day, the 2d August.

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.—

Per POTUNG, at 5 p.m., on Friday,

the 3d August. A Mail will also

be closed for Pakhoi.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close—

For MANILA.—

Per ESMERALDA, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 4th August.

For SAN FRANCISCO.—

Per CITY OF PEKING, at 2.30 p.m.,

on Saturday, the 4th August, instead of as previously notified.

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.—

Per WASHINGTO, undelivered till further notice.

For THE EAST ASIAN PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet PEIHO,

will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 4th August, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via

Marselles; to Salom, Singapore, Batavia, Java, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

FRIDAY, 3rd August.—

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 4th August.—

7 A.M

is fixed by the Memorandum of Association."

I move the resolution.

Mr. DEACON: I ask you (the Directors) in the first place, in taking these powers, into what smaller denomination do you propose to divide the shares?

The CHAIRMAN: That will be seen at the next meeting of the Company when the matter comes forward. There is no secret about it; however, what we propose doing is to divide the shares each into three. Then instead of having one share of \$5,000 liability and \$1,500 paid up, each share will be in \$1,666.66, with an amount of \$600 paid up. Any objection or modification that will of course come in proposing it.

Mr. DEACON: I will state what my objection is. My objection is that this while the Company is doing well, I cannot see the advisability of any alteration.

The CHAIRMAN: We have considered that matter, and we have the ambition to do better.

Mr. DEACON: You have considered it, still that is my opinion. The Company is doing well, and I think it is a pity to make any alteration while this is so. I fail to see where the good of the proposed change lies. If you think it will increase the profits received, last year we did very well and you cannot expect much improvement.

The CHAIRMAN: We do.

Mr. DEACON: I don't think you will get it. I fancy also it will cause the shares to knock about in the stock exchange here, which is never good for an insurance Company.

The CHAIRMAN: We can regulate that to some extent.

Mr. LIND seconded the motion, which was carried.

The proceedings then terminated.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before His Hon. Mr. Justice SNOWDEN)

HANSEN v. BELL AND ANOTHER.

His Honor delivered the following judgment:

The plaintiff was the captain of the ship *Rising* now in the possession of the Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty Court under execution, and the defendants are agents of a Mr. Prell of Melbourne, Australia, the bottomry bondholders at whose suit the ship has been seized. The items in the particulars of demand amount to \$1,19,950. This is reduced to \$942.50 by the plaintiff debiting himself with \$150 received from Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co., and \$10.00 on account of freight, and \$50.00 from the defendants' items. These sums have been applied to the satisfaction of the six first items in the particulars, leaving a sum of \$932.50 in dispute. Finally the claim was reduced to \$837.11, the plaintiff's advocate having abandoned items, such as wages paid to the crew in Hongkong harbour before their discharge, pilotage, fresh water, telegrams to the owners, the plaintiff's employers, medical attendance, tug boat, etc., leaving only four items, viz.: Plaintiff's wages, \$458.60; wages of cook, \$114; boat hire, \$11.75; compradore, \$175; total \$837.41.

To support this claim the plaintiff tried to set up an engagement by Mr. Williamson to him. It was agreed that the plaintiff should be engaged by Mr. Williamson to act as captain of the *Rising* to set up an engagement by Mr. Williamson, the manager here for the defendants of the plaintiff's services as captain of the *Rising* after the discharge of the crew, and from the date of the seizure of the vessel on March 15th by the Marshal, to the 26th of July. The cook's wages, the boat hire, and the compradore's account are all consequential on this engagement, and depend upon it. Satisfied with the security of his own position as captain, the plaintiff engaged a cook at \$20 a month after a most vague conversation with Mr. Williamson, kept a boat at 75 cents a day, and ran up a compradore's bill to the amount of \$175. The latter items stand or fall with plaintiff's engagement as captain, because excepting as regards the vague conversation about the cook there is no proof that Mr. Williamson sanctioned the expenditure. The plaintiff states that Mr. Williamson met him at the U.S. Consulate between the 8th and 15th of March, and said, "He did not want to sell the ship, and that he wanted me to remain on board as master, and take her down to Melbourne." I said, having been assured it would not affect my American citizenship, "Then I will remain on board." I think I said "for a short time." I told him I wanted to go home to settle with my owners." On this very indefinite conversation and nothing more said, supported by the fact that he went on board, and remained there with his wife and children; and the further facts that Mr. Williamson, on plaintiff's representation, put an European on board to look after the ship, and moved the vessel to a more secure anchorage, and caused ballast to be put in, the plaintiff asks the Court to imply an engagement as captain at \$100 a month, the wages he received before, and an undertaking to pay the other items. Mr. Williamson puts the case on very different grounds. He says that the captain being needful, and his claim for wages being before the Vice-Admiralty Court, he allowed him, his wife and children to remain on board and also to use some stores. The captain not doubt spoke to him about ballasting and moving the ship, and he availed himself of those suggestions and paid the expenses incurred, and put another European on board to look after the ship; but he says most positively that he never engaged the plaintiff as captain. They had some vague conversation about a cook, but Mr. Williamson says he never authorized him to engage one, certainly not at \$20 a month. He denies he ever allowed the plaintiff to run up a bill at the compradore's. He says he only authorized him to stay on board as a kindness. In this state of things the plaintiff's statement being only supported by very equivocal facts, and the defendant positively denying the plaintiff's statements, it would be impossible not to non-suit the plaintiff. But a nonsuit would not satisfy the justice of the case. The claim is, in my opinion, entirely unfounded. A mag of the plaintiff's experience must know that a captain is not engaged in such a vague way. Not a word was said about the rate of wages; he assumed it was to be \$100 a month because those were his wages before the ship was seized. He knew that the ship was under the care of the Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty Court, and that the services of a captain at \$100 a month, involving a cook at \$20 a month, a boat at 75 cents a day, and a compradore's bill, were not in any way required. There must be a verdict for the defendant and costs.

Mr. Johnson appeared for the defendants, and Mr. Denny for the plaintiff.

China. SHANGHAI. (News.)

It is currently reported amongst the Chinese bankers that an export of about 24 millions of silver will be sent from Shanghai to Kansu to pay the troops, and for other contingencies. The export it is expected will commence from the 1st day of the 7th moon (9th August). This will naturally tend to ease our market of any superfluous silver, and cause both interest and exchange to advance from their present low level, as compared with the latest London quotation of \$43d.

Happily, the damage caused by the storm on Sunday evening (July 22) seems to have been limited to the downfall of one or two matchs, and small portions of wall in different parts of the Settlement. No casualties are reported to foreign shipping in port, and the native boats fared better than might have been expected. Some junks broke from their moorings and several were dismasted, but we have not heard of any loss of life.—A party of gentlemen who

were cruising in a yacht down the river, had a narrow escape from disaster. They had cast anchor for a time, and made everything snug, but the boat dragged her anchor, and was carried helplessly towards Woosung, the danger from wind and waves being much increased by the drifting of a number of junks, some of which at times seemed likely to collide with and crush the yacht. After several hairbreadth escapes, all danger was past, and the cruise ended happily.

Mr. C. Adams writes from the steamer *Dragon*, at Nagasaki on the 20th instant, as follows:—"We had a severe gale this time; I never saw such a sea between here and Shanghai before; I can tell you we had a bad time. The glass was down to 28.96, and you can think how we all felt at the time on board. The *Dragon* is a good little sea boat. The oil was the only cargo that was damaged, and we lost that overboard." Inquired the door-keeper: "A ticket? I never thought of that." But you mention my name to one of the members?" "Your card, monsieur?" "A card! I never had such a thing; but—", and he whispered a word in the ear of the janitor, whereupon the latter, bedecked to the policemen in waiting and said to him in low tones:—"Take this fellow quietly to the lock-up of the Chamber; he's a lunatic, and fancies himself to be the Emperor of Brazil!"

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"Parbleu!" said Ceburns, again bending confidentially to bespeak the policeman's ear, "these great chaps always bring out the madmen; here's another imaginary Sovereign!" The little man was locked up with the other, and the two prisoners eyed each other for a moment. "This is very strange," said the little man, looking at the King of Spain and they won't let me in; who are you?" "I am the Emperor of Brazil," replied the man with the beard. Each believing the other as mad as a March hare, receded to the opposite end of the room, and were scanning each other in dire terror, when the Commissary of Police, hearing the noise and recognising the prisoners, heard the name, came in bowing low and saying:—"I beg both your Majesties' pardon a thousand times."

A observer in *Le Nord* on account of (what must be confessed) a very gallant enterprise on the part of the Russians against a Turkish ironclad in the harbour of Batoum, which account, since it seems to have escaped the notice of all the compilers of foreign news for the London journals, I herewith translate for you:—"A steamer of the Russian Navigation Company, the *Constantine*, which, though furnished with guns, would have been an easy prey to any single Turkish ironclad, started lately from Sebastopol, and crossing the Black Sea in about 48 hours, arrived at nightfall of the port of Batoum, without being observed. Four boats were then lowered and manned and supplied with torpedoes. All four succeeded in entering the port, and approaching the Turkish squadron within a certain distance without being challenged. Seeing either that they were not observed, or that they excited no suspicion, one of the boats pulled silently under the stern of a Turkish ironclad, and succeeded in attaching a torpedo under the vessel. Withdrawing then to a short distance the electric circuit was completed, and explosion ought to have taken place. It did not, however, from some cause or another. But the alarm was now given, and the boats were compelled to make the best of their way to the mouth of the harbour under a storm of shot. Two of the boats succeeded in reaching the *Constantine*, which, after wasting in vain as long as it dared for the two others, made off at full steam for Sebastopol, which it reached in safety. It was supposed at first that the other two crews were lost—either sunk or captured; but a few days afterwards it became known that they had succeeded in getting out of the port without loss—only, being unable to find the *Constantine*, they had been forced to make for Poti, about 60 miles in a direct line to the north. They had no sails, but fortunately for them the sea was smooth, and they reached Poti after forty hours of laborious rowing." This attempt differed widely in its success from that of Lieutenant Schastakoff and Doubousse against the Ottoman monitor in the Danube, but showed at least equal courage. The Russians have not yet ventured to pit their naval strength against that of the Turks, but it is evident that this is not for want of audacity among Russian sailors.

The Horse Show at the Agricultural Hall, with its tournaments, its charges of cavalry, its sensation jumping, and all the usual attractions has been a very good one, I think; above rather than below the average; and the horse-play part of the business, the jumping, much better than usual, except yesterday on the occasion of the Prince and Princess of Wales' visit, when nearly everything from some spirit of contradiction refused the fences. Unfortunately the chief fun of the fair was over before the Royal party came—the competition among the ladies for a jumping prize. Mrs. Riddell has for the last two or three years been the leading lady at this business, but last year at the Alexandra Park Show, Miss Wilson, a young lady not more than 18 or 19, the daughter of a farmer in York-shire, took the shine out of every one else, and this year at Ilford she has done the same, and Mrs. Riddell has rather played second fiddle. Miss Wilson is a most daring young woman; and mounted yesterday on a dark iron-grey, a horse with a magnificent stride, she took everything—double water-jump, high ditto—in the most dashing way. She is a nice-looking girl, and Miss Riddell is also a pretty woman; and I think the feelings of the judges must have been brought into play, for they were a long time over their decision, and then ended by giving a prize to every lady, including Miss Millard, Miss Pollard, and others. It was rather a lame and impotent decision, and the recipients of the ribbons did not seem altogether pleased. Miss Wilson, however, had unmistakably the sweet voice of the spectators, who applauded her most vociferously. I do not think these exhibitions can do the ladies any good. Very exciting no doubt, leading your horse over a water-jump amidst turbulent chases, but not conducive to return to the dulness and quietude of home life. Miss Wilson must find a gallop with the hounds or a trot round her father's farm stupid work after the cheering and enthusiasm of the Agricultural Hall.

Then again there was an infant phenomenon, or something like one, in Master Cox Morgan, aged 6 years, with his pony *Kitter*, a young gentleman with the most wonderful seat for a child I ever saw. His balance was extraordinary, and as *Kitter* jumped anything as high as his head we had full opportunity of judging. Mr.

LONDON GOSSIP.

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Strange to say, His Spanish Majesty and Don Pedro never met till the last sitting of the Chamber of Deputies at Versailles, opposite to which *Kitter* sat well told a story, proclaiming that *Kitter* had not yet been caught in print. Amongst the ladies rushing down in new bonnets to hear Gambetta and witness an expected scene of excitement, a grey-bearded gentleman in a frock-coat, the worse for wear occupied a seat in a railway carriage. A little after, the same individual presented himself at the entrance of the lobby leading to the Chamber of Deputies. "Have you a ticket, monsieur?" Inquired the door-keeper. "A ticket! I never thought of that." But you mention my name to one of the members?" "Your card, monsieur?" "A card! I never had such a thing; but—", and he whispered a word in the ear of the janitor, whereupon the latter, bedecked to the policemen in waiting and said to him in low tones:—"Take this fellow quietly to the lock-up of the Chamber; he's a lunatic, and fancies himself to be the Emperor of Brazil!"

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Cox Morgan, a very proud mother, told me that her "little man" as she called him, had been always in the first flight with the Cottagers in all their good runs this season. He was a wonderful boy certainly, and as his pony was too small to take a prize, they gave a prize to his rider. Well, there he was yesterday in his little boots and breeches and his prize ribbon in his jacket, ready to ride before his future King and Queen, his proud mother, and all his relations and friends you may be sure; and, would you believe it, that wretched *Kitter* was sulky and would not look at a fence. He refused everything, and the poor boy, who had been the hero of the ring on Monday, now came in for the jeers instead of the cheers of the populace. I really felt for him, and did not dare go near his mother for fear I should find her in tears. Mrs. Riddell's mare *Stella*, who, two hours previously, had gone over everything like a bird, floundered and blundered before the Prince and Princess as if she were a novice. She very nearly deposited Mrs. Riddell in the water, and altogether, though the thoughtsless laughed, the exhibition made the judicious groan. Nothing would go well. Riders fell off and horses tried to knock down their fences. The horses had got running no doubt, and having found out that Ilford fence could be knocked down, determined to do it. Then some of them had had such tremendous bucklings during the morning—*Stella* for instance—rusty in the afternoon. So the Prince and Princess saw nothing but falls and failures, but they seemed amused. They did not stop long, however, and I wondered what the Chinese Ambassadors, and a gentleman in a suit of green satin (one of the Kashgar Envoy's people) thought of it all. They must have put it down to English lunacy.

Japan Tea has made as rapid and as wonderful progress as Indian Tea during the past ten years. The annual production has already increased from nothing to 25,000,000 lbs. in a few years, with every prospect of increasing even more rapidly than Indian Tea.

Tea cultivation is making rapid progress in all parts of the East. Ceylon, Madras, Burmah, Singapore, and Java have all opened out Tea gardens, and it is proved that they all possess a climate adapted for the cultivation of Tea. Even at the Cape and in Natal, Tea gardens have been established, while in South America they talk of growing Tea on a large scale.

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Year.	Crop.	Imported into London	Delivered in London	Stock in London.
1860	1,400,000	1,100,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
1861	1,500,000	1,200,000	1,100,000	1,000,000
1862	1,200,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
1863	2,300,000	2,000,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
1864	1,500,000	5,500,000	2,800,000	1,800,000
1865	1,500,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
1866	1,500,000	5,100,000	4,000,000	2,100,000
1867	8,000,000	7,000,000	6,000,000	2,000,000
1868	10,800,000	8,100,000	7,800,000	3,700,000
1869	12,000,000	10,000,000	12,500,000	3,000,000
1870	14,400,000	15,300,000	15,600,000	5,000,000
1871	17,000,000	15,900,000	15,500,000	6,700,000
1872	19,700,000	18,400,000	17,000,000	7,000,000
1873	23,000,000	25,800,000	23,800,000	9,000,000
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